

**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT  
REGULAR WORK SESSION  
MONDAY, JULY 10, 2017  
6:00P.M.**

**1. OPENING**

**1.1.1 Call to Order**

Council President Yeargin called the meeting to order at 6:05p.m.

**1.1.2 Roll Call**

Present: Mayor Eugene Grant(Late), Councilmember Charl Jones, Councilmember Lamar Maxwell, Councilmember Shireka McCarthy, Councilmember Kelly Porter, Councilmember Gloria Sistrunk (Late), Councilmember Reveral Yeargin

Staff: Weyimi Ayu, Director of Economic Development, Dashaun N. Lanham, City Clerk, Devan Martin, Chief of Police, Jeannelle B. Wallace, City Administrator

**1.1.3 Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:**

The invocation was given by Councilmember Porter

**1.1.4. Approval of Agenda**

It was motioned by Councilmember Porter and seconded by Councilmember Maxwell to approve the agenda. The agenda was unanimously approved by the City Council.

**2. PRESENTATIONS:**

**2.1. Ward II Council Vacancy Candidate**

- Ms. Love stated that she had a desire to be the Councilmember for Ward II.
- Ms. Love stated that she has been the Financial Secretary for two years and had the opportunity to go for a third term, but declined because she wanted to run for Councilmember for Ward II.
- Ms. Love stated that the seniors are dear to her and the younger people are the future. She speaks with them all.
- Ms. Christine Samuels stated that she has been knowing Mrs. Love since they were very young. She was glad to hear that she was running and feel that she will be a good candidate.

- Ms. Samuels stated that she will support her and if she's not doing what's required she will contact her.
- Ms. Samuels stated that she feels that if we work with Ms. Love things will get done, as we will be working with her.
- Mr. Leroy Jones, he is the fiancé of Ms. Love, she's a hard-working person on her job and he feels that she will do a great job.
- Mr. Jones stated that it takes a team to make progress for the city.
- Catherine Hutton stated that she wanted to give god the honor for allowing them to be here.
- Ms. Hutton stated that she feels that Ms. Love will make a good candidate for Councilmember Ward II. She stated that she is always jovial and a very positive person.
- Brian Hutton stated that he met Ms. Love a very long time ago and she introduced herself to them
- Mr. Hutton stated that she loves god and she has taken notice of what's going on, on her street, she was concerned about the entire area.
- Mr. Hutton stated that she has always wanted to assist with the concerns in the community. She cares about the seniors and the children encouraging them to go home and do their homework.
- Mr. Hutton stated that you will not find a better person to fill the vacancy for Ward II.
- Ms. Madeline Hall-6-7 64<sup>th</sup> Ave Stated that she supports Ms. Love to fill this seat.
- Mayor Eugene W. Grant stated it is his pleasure to add his name to the list of supporters for Ms. Love to fill the vacancy.
- Mayor Grant stated that we had long list of representative for Ward II, Mr. Hubert Gallion, Ms. Maxine Cobb and Mr. Brian Shivers and he would like to see Ms. Love name added to this list.
- Mayor Grant stated that we felt that we could get better representation for Ward II.
- Mayor Grant stated that Ward II has some of the older homes in the City that were there before the city was incorporated.
- Mayor Grant stated that he looks forward to an affirmative vote from the City Council on appointing Ms. Love as the Ward II Representative.

### **3. REPORTS:**

- **3.1.** Mrs. Wallace stated that the Mayor, City Council and Staff attend the Maryland Municipal League Conference in Ocean City, MD.

- Ms. Wallace stated that Mayor Grant conducted a Ted Talk, hosted a silent party

### **3.3. City Council Committee Reports**

- Councilmember Maxwell stated that the Affordable Housing Trust Fund is currently open. They are seeking to acquire properties in the city. The Economic Development Director and the Director of Public Engagement is currently overseeing the process.
- Councilmember Porter stated that the Public Works & Transportation Committee met to discuss the citizen concerns regarding the refuse collections. It was requested that the City meet with the relation with Bates to address the concerns.

## **4. LEGISLATION**

**4.1. Resolution R-18-01 Consent to Council Recess.** Resolution R-18-01 was introduced by the City Council and read by the City Clerk on Monday, July 10, 2017. It was motioned by Councilmember Maxwell and seconded by Councilmember Jones to approve Resolution R-18-01. The motion carried and was unanimously approved by the City Council.

**4.2. Resolution R-18-02 Designation of Hall of Fame and Kevin Durant Day.** Resolution R-18-03 was introduced by the City Council and read by the City Clerk on Monday, July 10, 2017. It was motioned by Councilmember Jones and seconded by Councilmember Maxwell to approve Resolution R-18-02. The motion carried and was unanimously approved by the City Council.

## **5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **5.1. None**

## **6. NEW BUSINESS**

### **6.1. Request Approval for Engineer Design Proposal for Police Department**

- Mrs. Wallace stated that when the City transferred its services from Verizon to Comcast the police department lost its connectivity due to the fiber optic cable not being installed.
- Chief Martin stated that the county has transferred to an electronic reporting system. The department cannot provide the services to the residents and need to call an officer off the street to get the reports.
- The install of the fiber optic cable will take approximately two months to be installed.
- Mrs. Wallace stated that the funds to pay for the cable will be deducted from the Speed Camera Revenue

- Mayor Grant inquired if the cable would be suitable for the future building on that site.
- It was motioned by Councilmember Jones and seconded by Councilmember Maxwell to approve the install of the Fiber Optic Cable at the Police Department. The motion carried and was unanimously approved by the City Council.

#### **6.2. Recommendation to Increase the Business License Fee for FY2018**

- Mrs. Wallace stated that the current fee for Shopping Centers, Hotels or Motel in the city be increased to \$2,925.00
- Mrs. Wallace stated that the fees for the Single-Family Rental dwellings and Multi-family dwellings be increased to \$100 per unit for single family units and \$150 per unit for multi-family.
- It was motioned by Councilmember Jones and seconded by Councilmember McCarthy to approve the recommendation to increase the business license and the rental license fees. The motion carried and was unanimously approved by the City Council.

#### **6.3. Recommendation to Increase Rental License Fees for Annual Inspection**

- It was motioned by Councilmember Jones and seconded by Councilmember McCarthy to approve the recommendation to increase the business license and the rental license fees. The motion carried and was unanimously approved by the City Council

#### **6.4. September Regular Work Session Meeting Date**

- The City Council agreed to have the Regular Work Session Meeting and the Public Session meeting on September 11, 2017.
- Mayor Grant stated that on Thursday, August 17, 2017 will be Kevin Durant Day and we are expecting to have 100,000 people in the City.
- The residents will be inconvenience due to the traffic and the closing of Martin Luther King, Jr. Highway on Wednesday, August 16, 2017 at 8:00p.m.
- We will be providing the citizens with updates in the newsletter.
- Mr. Ayu stated that the vacant homes are selling in Seat Pleasant and they are being purchased by investors.
- There was a home that was purchased for \$33,000 and is on the market for \$280,000.
- The housing market has increased in the city and he encouraged the residents to maintain their properties.


- Mayor Grant stated that the homes on Addison Road may go for \$400,000 in the next two years.
- Mayor Grant stated that we do not want to go in the direction of the District of Columbia.
- Mayor Grant stated that this is the best Council you have seen on the Dias and the meeting tonight was peaceful and the next meeting will be the same.
- The City Council will have some debates, but that's what you do to work out any issues.
- Mayor Grant stated that we have automated our Finance Department to better manage the city resources in a transparent manner.

## **7 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 7.1. Kevin Durant Day, Thursday, August 17, 2017 from 10:00am-4:00pm.**
- 7.2. Regular Work Session and Public Session, Monday, September 11, 2017, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers at 6:00p.m. and 7:30p.m.**
- 7.3. Ward V Monthly Meeting, Monday, October 16, 2017, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers at 9:30a.m.**

**ADJOURN**-The meeting was adjourned at 7:26p.m.

Submitted by,



Dashaun N. Lanham, CMC  
City Clerk